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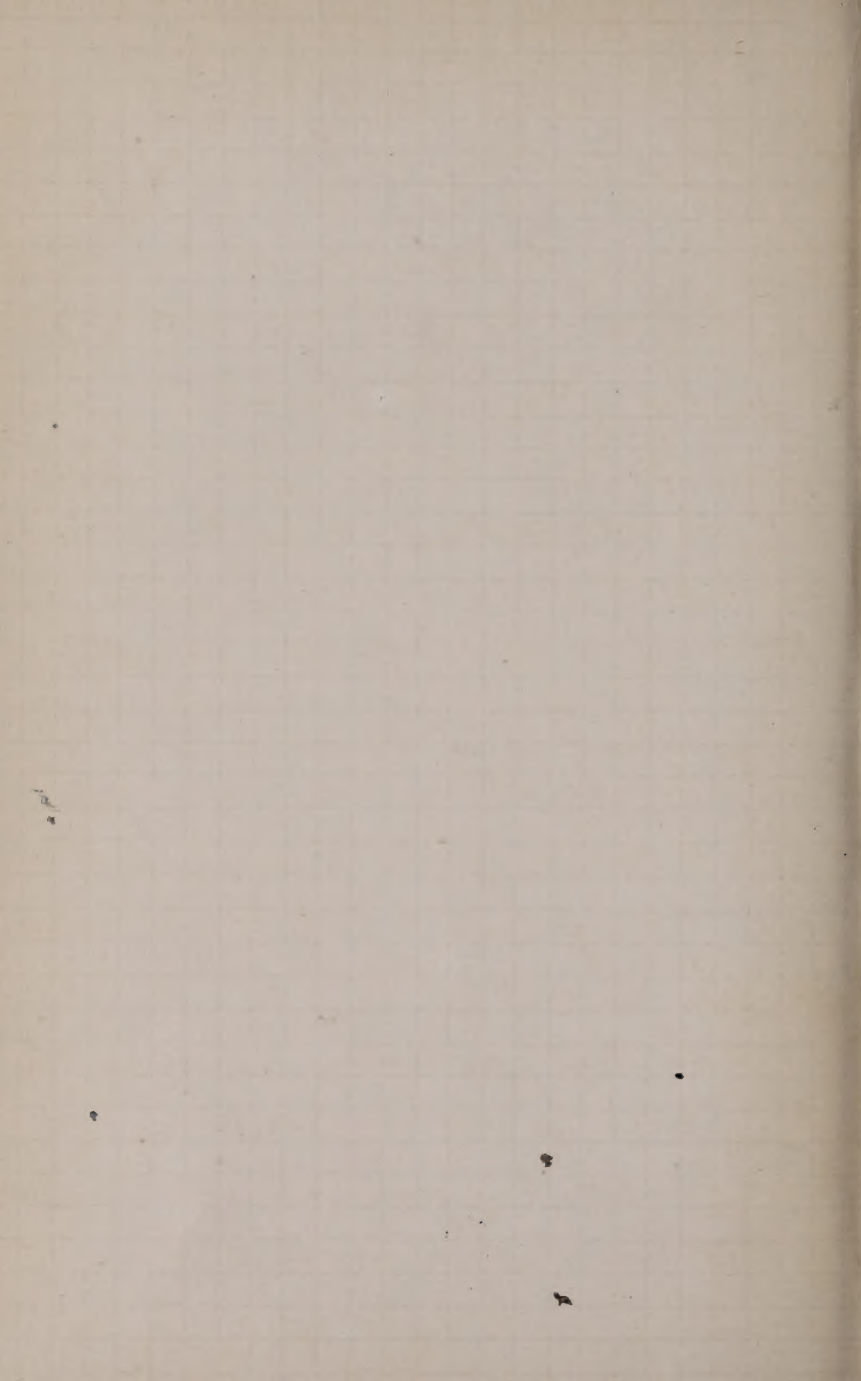
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Robert Hamill ✓ Nassau

Diary

1915



1915

Philad^a, February

Ambler (1)

On Tuesday 23rd. Rose tired; but, after breakfast, left the house of son Charles; went to the Witherspoon Building. Asked Mr. Brackmann to cash my quarterly check of the Relief Board. His assistants, Mr. Callaghan & Miss Huston. Then to Allen, Lane & Scott, & paid a bill there. To Grimbals, & bought 3 shirts. To Terminal, & mailed postal money-orders to Mrs Kelly, to Father, Esq. Paig, & to Lafayette Alumni. Was very tired. At restaurant. On 12 noon train, with Mr. & Mrs. Deane. At Ambler, waiting for cab. At the Home by 1.30 P.M. Excessively tired. Rested all afternoon, & went to bed at 8. P.M.

Wednesday 24th

Completed the W.S. of my Retirement from the W. Africa Mission.

2) Ambley (February) 1915 Philad^a

Thursday 25. Rain all day yesterday & last night. This morning, cold & cloudy. Miss Hannah & Haemacher, who has been visiting her sister, for the past 2 weeks, went away. Writing letters.

Friday 26

Very cold last night & this morning. After lunch, Cook came at 2. P.M., went into city on 2.36. P.M. train. To Witherspoon building, to a stenographer, Miss Cooper, & I submitted to her the M.S. of my Retirement from the W. African Mission; spent some time in arranging the pages for her. Then to son Charles home. Left there for the 6.30. P.M. train for the Princeton Bayview, at Bellevue-Stafford. A number of gentlemen came to salute me, some whose names I did not know. Others, Mr. Matthews, Rev. Dr. Rendall, Mr. Henry,

1915 Amble (3)
Philad. (February)

Dr. Stryker, Mr. Nixon, & others.
Two Scotch bagpipes, & a man
doing the Highland fling. At
the table, I was placed at Prof.
Hibben's right hand, as guest of
honor, & was asked to invoke
the Blessing. A pleasant evening.
Left at 10.30, before the class.
At Penn Charles by 11. P.M. A
chat, & went to bed at 11.30.

Saturday 27

After breakfast, to the Terminal,
for the 9.30. A.M. train to
Amble. Intensely cold, & clear.
In the cab to the Home by 10.30.
Important letters awaiting me.

Sunday 28

Beautifully clear & very cold.
As a new step in the church,
instead of Mr. Crist wasting
time in announcements, the
printed notices, commonly
used elsewhere, were introduced
to day.

Monday
March 1

Cold & clear. After breakfast,

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1915

Amblen

(March)

in cab, for 9.15 A.M. train to
Phil^a. To Witternpoon Building,
to Miss Cooper, to examine the
typed copy she was making
of the M.S. of my Retirement
from the Mission. Then to the
Minister's meeting; but, I left
early, in order to take the 12.
noon train to Amblen. Cab was
promptly at hand, & I was
at this Home at 1. P.M., just
in time for lunch. Mr. Mundy
insists in opening a parlor window
making the air too cool for the
other members of the family.
When I requested ~~the~~ the window
be closed, he railed at me,
& threatened me with violence.
He also insulted Mr. Gillespie.
So Mr. G. & I complained to Miss
Shawmaker against Mr. Mundy's
doing. A very unpleasant evening.

Tuesday 2^d

Coal, & cloudy like snow. After
morning prayers, I spoke to Mr.
Mundy about his conduct, & he
apologized. Miss Shawmaker

1915 (5)

Amuldar (March)

absent, in the city.

Wednesday 3^d

Beautifully clear, but bitterly cold.

Thursday 4^d

Wrote an account of how I began, more than 30 years ago, to make effort for an Industrial School in the Mission, & how Mrs. Hal gave me the money for what is now the James Memorial School at Elat.

Friday 5^d

Weather moderated, Began to write an article, telling of the benefit to my life & work that I derived from my having studied medicine. Appearance of snow.

Saturday 6^d; 7^d; 8^d

Heavy snow-fall last night, which continued all day. Cab came at 2. P.M. Went to post-office, & was there a long time, sending packages by parcel post, and ^{three} money-orders. About 4. P.M.

6) Philada (1915) (March)

on train to Phila. The snow
partly turned to rain. To Wallace
st, & left my hand-bag there. Mrs
Chas. Nassau was absent, at
Atlantic City with young Charles.
Went, by 6. P. M., to Bellevue - Stuyvesant,
for the Lafayette Alumni Banquet.
Met Rev. Drs Eckerd, McKim,
& French; W. Scheibler; & others.
At the table, at my side, were
Dr. Robinson, a friend of poor
Charles, & ~~Rev. Dr.~~ ^{friend} Kirkpatrick.
Was introduced to Dr. Herodotus,
& Prof. Mac Cracken, a bro?
Brennbaum. Left at 11. P. M.,
after, a speaker, giving a
history of the College, had men-
tioned my father, & referred to
my being present. There was
applause, & I arose & bowed to
it. At 10 Charles, & to bed
before midnight.

On Sunday 7th. Went to the
Congregational Church, with Miss
Kelly Green & grand daughter

Phila?

1915

(7)

(March)

Katherine, A Communion Service by Rev. Mr. Berg. Mrs. Nassau & Churley returned from Atlantic City in the evening.

On Monday 8th. After breakfast, went to Witherspoon Building, to give a M.S. for the "Profligator" to Miss Alexander, And to my typist, Miss Cooper, to see the progress of my typed Resignation from the W. Africa Missions.

Met Rev. Mr. Hembree, formerly of Manville, R.I. waited in corridor, for the coming, by appointment of Miss Hazard from Swantonmore. She came at 11.15. A.M. While waiting, I had met Rev. Mr. Woodfin of Swantonmore. We went to Minister meeting.

Address by a negro minister, Rev. Dr. Lee, on Condition of negro churches in Phila. Very fine. Introduced Rev. Dr. Stanton to Mrs. Hazard. Then, we went to Warravatus, the room.

8/ Phil?

1915

(March)

Amblen

Here, she told me of the unjust treatment of Mr. Woodfin by the Swantonmore church. Entertained Mr. Hazard at the tea-room.

Then, said good-bye, as I went to the Terminal, & she to some shopping. On train to Amblen.

At post office, & drug store.

At this House by 4.15. P.M.

Letters awaiting me. Retired early.

Tuesday 9th

Very cold last night, & continued cold & clear all day. My room chilly, as my desk is by the window, where become these cracks, through which the wind comes. Completed the copy of the M.S. "A Medical Career that was Worth-while", for the monthly publication of the Univ. of Pa.

Wednesday 10th

Continued clear & cold. Resumed the writing of my Life (on which I had done nothing during the last 3 months). Proceeded as far as my 6 year.

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(9)

(March)

Thursday 11. Clear, but not very cold. Continued the writing of

My Life. Friday 12

Clear, and very cold in the N.W. wind. Writing My Life. Have reached the year 1850.

Saturday 13

Clear, but not very cold. A very complimentary critique on "My Ozone", from "The Telegram", Portland, Oregon. In "My Life", I have reached the year 1851.

Sunday 14

Clear, & not very cold. Many birds about. The cab came too late for Miss Shoemaker to catch her trolley, for her Friends Meeting; she had to wait $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for the next. At Church, I regretted to feel that Mr. Cuth was attempting to vitiate the evangelist Sunday.

Monday 15

Cab came at 8.30. A.M. Rode to park, & mailed some packages.

10/ Philad?

1915

Amble

(March)

A letter from Mrs Hazard, On 9.15
train to Philad. To the Hale
Building, & gave an M.S. to Mr.
Lifshantz for the Univ. of Pa.
magazine. To the U.S. F. M. S. room
to inquire about Mrs. Fickler.
To Miss Cooper, for my typed
M.S. of my Resignation. To
Africa. To room of Secy Rev.
Dr. Faris. Met Rev. Mr. Embree,
& Rev. Mr. Swain. In Minister's
meeting. Address by Rev Mr. Bowdley,
met Rev. Dr. Stanton, Writen
- Lee. of the 1st African ch.
Again to Miss Cooper, & paid
for the 8 copies. To Fairmont
a 12¹, to book binder, & left one
of the 8 copies to be bound.
To son Charles, & gave a copy
to Mrs. Nassau. Lunched there.
Then to Wm. W. & bought
writing-paper, & a new diary -
blank book. To the Terminal, for
4.30 P.M. train. Miss W. W. W.
unexpectedly there. At the Home,
arrived tired.

Arbiter

1915

(11)

(March)

Tuesday 16: Threatening weather; but, neither rain or snow fell. Correcting some mis-prints in the 8 type-written copies of "My Retirement from the West Africa Mission".

Wednesday 17

Last night a very cold wind. Today clear & very cold. All day writing letters. In the evening, the 2 other men, who require silence in the parlor while they are reading, being absent at prayer-meeting, I had a pleasant chat with Miss Phoenix.

Thursday 18

Clear, bright, & not very cold. Enclosed and addressed the 8 packages of the copies of "My Retirement from the West Africa Mission".

Friday 19

A Spring-like day, in the morning; but, fog & rain in afternoon. Writing on my Life.

12) Amble ¹⁹¹⁵ Philad^a
March
Saturday 20. Clear, & not very
cold. Writing My Life.

Sunday 21
Bright, windy & cold. In
church, my little infant pupil,
Margaret Logan, left her mother
to sit at my side. ^{Painted} ~~at~~
at the Christian Race Antiques
for Negroes, Chinese, & Japanese,
of Mrs. Mundy & Gillespie,
the other 2 residents of this
House.

Monday 22

Lab came at 9. A.M. Went to
post 6 copies of my typed
"Retirement". At Station,
bought 10-trip ticket. In
Philad^a, went to book-binder
opposite the Hancock Public
School, on Fairmount Ave above
12th; got my bound copy of the
"Retirement". To Son Charles
for lunch. To Terminal, for the
3. P. M. train. At Amble, to
postoffice for stamps, & to drug-
store for camphor clothes tablets.

Amble

1915

(13)

(March)

Tuesday, 23: Some little snow, last night. Received a number of letters. Resumed the writing of My Life.

Wednesday 24

A Spring-like day. The trees being trimmed, and coverings raked from the flower-beds. Writing in My Life.

Thursday 25

Another Spring-like day. Busy on My Life, and writing letters. Very tired at night.

Friday 26

Spring-like day. Farmers plowing their fields. My Life.

Saturday 27

A very gratifying letter from my friend Prof. Libby in regard to "My Retirement from the West Africa Mission".
Weather clear & very cold.

Sunday 28

Bright, & not cold. Changed my seat in church.

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Spring-like day. Writing on My Life.

Tuesday 30
Snow last night. Very bright,
and very cold this morning.
Writing My Life.

Wednesday 31
Clear and cold. A new resident
came, Rev. Chas. Hembree.
Miss Shoemaker went into the
city, & returned with her sister
Hannah. At 3 P.M., cab
came and I went to tailor,
to post-office; then walked to
shoe-store, to drug-store. Went
to Mrs. Logan's, & had a pleasant
hour with her & little Margaret.
Walked back to this house.

Thursday April 1

Clear & cold. Spent the day
in arranging, i.e. this chronological
all the letters & other documents
that have accumulated since 1850,
to use in writing My Life.

Friday 2

Clear & not very cold. Took a
walk with W. Hembree. Continued
the chronological arrangement
of old letters & other documents.

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Ambley. (April) Philad?

Saturday 3^d. A snow-storm, ~~but~~ prevented my going into the city to attend the annual Meeting of the Socy of the Sons of the Revolution. Completed the chronological arrangement of all my old letters & documents, & stored them in one of my trunks.

Sunday 4^d

Bright & cool. An unusual Easter day, with snow on the ground. Mr. Hembree made an unpleasant time at the table in forcing his admiration for Mr. Sunday on to us. At night, an automobile stalled in a snow-bank near the house, & the lady in it came for help.

Monday 5^d

After breakfast, cab came for me for 9.15. A.M. train. Went to dentist, to have my broken tooth in front plate repaired. To Sam Charles, for lunch.

16) Philad^a 1915 Amble
(April)

Good news, that grand-daughter
Katherine had united with the
church. To Terminal for 3. P.M.
train to Amble, to post office;
to Cope's, for my shoes; they were
not ready. To drug-store. In
cab, stopped at tailor's for my
2 suits; all ready, except one
vest. At the Home by 5. P.M.
Very tired.

Tuesday
~~Wednesday~~
A cloudy, rainy morning;
but bright & spring like in the
afternoon. Busy mailing old
letters to their writers or their
living relatives.

Wednesday

Cloudy & cool; but, the day
cleared. Cab came at 1.30 P.M.
& I went to Philad^a. There, I
posted some documents, &
paid a money-order for my
dues to the Socy of Sons of the
Revolution. And, took train
for Swantonmore. Arrived at
Mrs. Hazen's by 4.30 P.M.

Swarthmore 1915 Philada (17)

In the evening, came Miss Burroughs, the Pres. of the Negro Manual Training School, of Washington D.C., with a Mrs. Bennett (almost white) wife of a colored minister of Chester, Pa. And, we 4 rode to Prob. ch, where, in one of the smaller rooms, Miss Burroughs gave an admirable talk on the Training for Service of Negro girls.

The next day, the 8th, I remained at Mrs. Hazard's. (At the meeting, I had met, the Smith family, Mrs. Barber, & Mrs. Hall.) Walked with Mrs. Hazard to the Negro quarter of Swarthmore, and made a call on Mrs. Davis, widow of a minister, mother of a missionary to China, & her daughter, a worker in Phila. Settlement. After lunch, Mrs. Hazard took me in cab. to Station for 1.34 P.M. train. To Phila. and to the Terminal, for train to Butler.

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1915

April

Friday. In Amble, to Cope's for shoes; and to tailors, for my vest. At this Home again about 5. P.M. Very tired.

Friday 9th

Busy reading letters of dates 1850-56, for my Life.

Saturday 10th

A comfortable Spring day. Busy at the old letters; and writing new ones.

Sunday 11th

Rain last night, & it continued all day with showers & some thunder. Rode to church with Messrs. Mundy & Hembree. A regular April-day.

Monday 12th

Beautifully clear, & not very cool. Without my over-coat, I walked with Mr. Hembree. Prepared for a journey to-morrow.

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

} Race at 6. A.M.
} Breakfast by myself at 6.30. Expected the cab at 7. A.M.; it did not come.

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until 7.15; nevertheless I
made my train, the 7.26 to
Junctiontown. With change of a
few. moments, on train to
Trenton Junction. Change then
to Trenton. Went to Nat'l
Bank, office of Barker Hannell,
& left a message there for
him. At corner of Broad
State, while waiting for a
trolley, met Rev. Dr. Hills of
the East Trenton church; also
Rev. Mr. Palk, & Mr. Foreman of
Lawrenceville. At the East Trenton
church for Poughkeepsie, in time for
praising services. Discussion
until 12.30. Lunch in the
church, given by the ladies.
Resumed discussion at 1.30 P.M.
Became exceedingly tired.
Remained to close of the meeting
at 4. P.M. Went on trolley
to Barker Hannell's. Neither
he nor his wife were at home.
Left my hand bag there; and

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1915

Trenton

~~April~~
 on the street, met Mrs Hamill
 and Mrs Bedford; they told me
 to go in the Hamill home, &
 Mrs H. was soon returned.
 I waited there; read, and
 talked with Hugh Hamill;
 & stayed to supper. Afterward,
 at 8. P.M., went to Barker
 Hamill's. His wife was too
 tired to see me; but he & I
 talked until 10. P.M. went
 to bed exhausted. Was very
 much disappointed that I had
 no visit with Miss Gorman.
 She was sick, with grippe, &
 I had been allowed only to
 see her on the stairs, for a
 minute.

On ~~Thursday~~^{Wednesday} Breakfast alone
 at 8. A.M. And, at 9. A.M.,
 walked with Mr Hamill as
 far as the chiropractors; and

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From there went to Mr Hamill's
office, for business. And, from
there to Reading Station, for the
11.10. A.M. train; to Trenton
junction & Trenton. Was
very shady. At Ambley; to
shoe-store, and bank. And
in cab to this House is time
for a late lunch at 1.30. P.M.
Some letters to read; 2 to
write; & rectified and dozed.
Very exhausted. Retired early.

Thursday Friday 15th

Bright Spring morning. A
short walk with Mr. Hamill.
Busy at My Life; but still
felt some of the exhaustion of
the Trenton journey.

Friday 16th

Bright Spring day. Walked
with Mr. Hamill. Completed
1st draft of my Life, as far as
my arrival on Corisco island
on Sept 12th 1861.

22. Ashblen ¹⁸⁷⁵ April Lincoln
Saturday, 17th } On 17th, at 2. P.M.
Sunday, 18th } cab came, & I took
Monday, 19th } train to Phil^a. At
Tuesday, 20th } the Terminal, paid
Wednesday, 21st } \$4. portage money
order, for Lawrence
School Alumni Dinner.

From Boston at, a 2 hour's ride
on train to Lincoln University.
Met at the train by Prof.
Wright; and, at his home in
time for supper. The family,
Prof & Mrs Wright, & daughter Jean,
& sons Walter & George; & her
father Rev. Dr. Carr. Talking
about Africa.

On the 18th. To church with Prof.
Wright; was placed in the
Faculty procession with Rev. Dr.
Miller, & on the platform sat
by Rev. Dr. Stevenson, Pres^t of
Princeton Theol. Sem^y, who
preached, & I gave the Bene-
diction. In the afternoon,
went with Mrs Wright in
automobile to a small country

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country Sab. School; the Supt.
Mr. Turner, of Oxford. Addressed
the School, for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. In
evening, went to church with
Mrs. Wright, & heard Rev. Dr.
Stevenson, of ~~Princeton~~ ^{Princeton} preach.
Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Prof.
Ridgely, & their 2 little children.

On the 19th, in the morning,
Addressed Prof. Wright's Class
for an hour. Lunched with
Prof. & Mrs. Saml. Hodge, and
their 2 children. And, made
calls on Mrs. Prof. Carter, &
Prof. Randall. In the evening,
Mrs. Prof. Ridgely & children,
& Prof. & Mrs. Johnston & children,
called on me. Talked about
Africa.

On the 20th. In the morning,
just after breakfast, ^{addressed} ~~talked~~
for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour with the school
children of the Union. Professors.

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~~On the 20th~~ On the 21st, In the afternoon
at Univ. Luncheon; met Mrs
Barbary of Swantham, her
niece; Prof. & Mrs. Carter; Prof.
& Mrs. Ridgely, & nursed their
baby; Rev. Dr. White; Mr. Ramsey
of Swantham. At the Commu-
nion, Rev. H. M. Robinson, of
Germantown, preached. Mrs. Prof.
Miller; Rev. Dr. Galbreath, Rev.
Mr. Personell. In automobile,
to S. 17. P. M. train for Phil^a.
Elder Davis, of Germantown 2^d
church, on train. At Broad St
by 7.10. P. M., & at Terminal
in time for the 7.32, train
to Amble. And in cab for
this Home, arrived by 9. P. M.
Went immediately to my
room. Very much exhausted.
Letters awaiting me.

On the 21st, more letters. Putting
away documents, Reading letters.

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Thursday 22 } On 22, cab came
Friday 23 } at 2. P.M., & on the
2.36. train, to Phila.

At Terminal, sent a parcel post
package to Prof. Wright at Leicesters.
On Subway a L. to Market & 60,
& transferred to 63, to call on
the Vick family; Mrs V., & Mrs
Wallace, & Mrs Dorothy. After
a pleasant hour, back to
Phila, & to Wallace St by 6.30.
After supper, with Nelly Green &
the children to church 18th & Green,
& I addressed a company of
Camp Fire Girls, & Boy Scouts.
Stayed at Wallace St, for the
night.

On 23. After breakfast, to the
Terminal, & on 9.30 A.M. train
to Ambley. At this House
by 10.30. Mail awaiting.

Saturday 24

In cab, for 9. A.M. trolley to
Korintown; a 1/2 hour wait
at Water Junction. At Korintown

26) Norristown 1915 Amble
April
by 10.30. Went to corner of Main
& De Kalb to inquire about the
auto cab for Amble: was told
it stood at corner of Main &
Smedley. At the Historical Socy,
The officers, Pres. Fournance, Mr.
Orr; Mrs Comad Jones, Mr Gasholt,
Miss Fox, Mrs Genet. The Pres.
did not keep good order.
Mr. Orr's un-written Address.
Lunch. Became very tired
with no one to converse with.
In afternoon, written Address by
a Mr. Powers. The Address was
incomplete (verbal statements)
& incorrect (corrected by ones
in the audience). When a
third man began an Address,
I was so tired that I left, & came
on the 3.30. P.M. trolley to
Amble. Very exhausted.
Retired early.

Sunday 25

A warm day: Went without
over-coat to church.

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Monday 26

Tuesday 27

Wednesday 28

Thursday 29

} After breakfast of
the 26, cab
came late; lost
in time for 8.40
train to Jenkins-
town. Had not time

to take my suit to tailor; left
it with Gehart to take. Place
connection at Jenkins town.

At Trenton, left train at
Chambers St. & on trolley to
Mrs. Heavill's by 11. A.M. Mrs. H.
absent in Virginia Springs.

The 2 Misses Greenman out
shopping. I waited for them,
having just been shown to
my room by a maid. The
morning had been cool; the
afternoon became warm.

Passed the time in conversation,
& reading to Miss Greenman
"My Agony". Hot night.

On Tuesday, hot day.

The hottest day for years; the
thermometer at 93° at 6 P.M.
a short walk with Miss
Greenman, & returned as a

28 (Phil^a) 1915 April (Amblen)
storm of wind was coming.
In evening, Mrs. Bedford
called. Hot night.

On 28. Cool morning. Mrs.
Bedford came again. Con-
versation & reading. After
lunch, left, on \$2.25. P.M.
train on Penna. Railway, to
Phil^a. Went to son Charles
home, & rested in afternoon.
At 6.45 P.M. Went to the
Bellevue Stratford, for American
dinner of the Laurencell School,
for 7. P.M. But, it did not
begin until 8. P.M. Speeches
at 10. P.M. I left at 11.15. was
at Waller St. by 11.30. & in bed
by midnight. Rain at night.

On 29. Rose late, breakfast,
and left for Amblen on 7.30.
A.M. train. There at drug-
store. Waiting for cab at
Greenwald's. In cab, at drug store,
& at tailor's for my suit,
At this Home by 11.30. Very tired.
A recovery-like day.

(Amblee) 1915
(April)

(29)

Friday 30. Rain last night,
At letters & documents.
Walked by myself, as Mr Hambree
was too lame to walk with
me. Went out the narrow
road. Met ^{men} making the fence
on the Mercer property. Others,
cleaning up the Baptist Ceme-
tery. At Judge Carr's, were
painters.

